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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Writer's Service to the China Mail)

PARLIAMENT REOPENING.

"GOVERNMENT'S MOST DANGEROUS SESSION."

BRIGHT CEREMONY TO-DAY.

MUCH ROWDINESS IN SOUTH WALES BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, February 14.

The King reopens Parliament to-morrow with pre-war splendour. Their Majesties in their State robes wearing crowns and driving in a gilded coach escorted by the Household Cavalry, while the Foot Guards will reappear in the glory of their beakings and scarlet tunics. Moreover, the Spanish, French, Italian, and Japanese Ambassadors have decided to ride to Westminster in their State coaches. The King and Queen will be received at the entrance of the House of Lords with ancient pomp and circumstance, but no spectators will greet the King in the Royal Gallery as the public is still excluded from Parliament. This acknowledgment of Sinn Féin activities presages a topic which will open the Parliamentary battle for the Independent Liberals and Labour members to give Ireland the place of honour in their amendments to the Address in preference to unemployment and retrenchment which will be clamorously debated later.

A BITTER FEUD.

There was a meeting of the Cabinet presided over by Mr. Lloyd George to-day on the eve of what the Government's critics describe as its most dangerous session. These critics are not satisfied with the new ministerial appointments on the ground that they are a mere re-shuffling of places. A curious fact is that Sir Worthington Evans was not a pointed Air Minister and it is presumed that Mr. Churchill will carry on at the Air Ministry until a separate minister has been appointed. The changes involve only one by-election namely at Dudley. Altogether five by-elections are pending, namely at East Woolwich, Moseley, Cardiganshire and Penistone. The most interesting is Cardiganshire where a religious and political feud of unparalleled bitterness is raging around the personality of Mr. Lloyd George among 23,000 Liberal electors, one section regarding him as a lost leader and the other as a national saviour.

EVENTFUL BY-ELECTION.

There has been much rowdiness. Mr. Evans, one of Mr. Lloyd George's secretaries, belongs to the Calvinistic Methodists whose ministers are serving in both camps. Their most eloquent preacher who is opposing Mr. Evans was howled down. The Rev. Thomas, President-elect of the Welsh Baptists, which is Mr. Lloyd George's sect, is against the Coalition. A meeting of Mr. Llewellyn Williams' workers at Newquay was broken up, driven into the street and stoned. Mr. Williams had to circulate angry Aberystwyth students urging them not to break up a meeting addressed by Mr. Ian Macpherson on Saturday. Mrs. Lloyd George's active campaigning in the constituency with Lady Bonham Carter on the other side. Seven thousand Conservative electors will probably turn the scale in favour of Mr. Lloyd George who is expected to make an important statement on his ministerial policy in the House of Commons in order to reassure the Doubting Thomases on the eve of polling on February 18.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S BRUTALITY CENSURED.

THE PATH TO TYRANNY.

PARIS, February 14.

A Havas message states: The Council of the French Socialist Party affiliated with the Third Internationale passed a motion expressing sympathy with the Russian revolution but censuring the brutal and uncompromising attitude of the Soviet Government. The Council acknowledged the declaration of the German Independent Socialist Party requesting the German Government frankly to admit liability to reparations and blaming the pan-German agitation. A congress of French dissident Socialists passed also a motion rejecting the Russian Soviet regime which far from emancipating the proletarian class leads straight to tyranny such as the French people will never submit to.

RUMANIA AND COMMUNISM.

BUCHAREST, February 14.

The universal socialist problem of communism was settled in Rumania in a similar manner to that in the majority of European countries recently by the rejection of the terms and a split in the party.

TAXPAYERS' BURDEN.

BRITISH COMMITMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST.

MR. CHURCHILL'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, February 14.

In saying farewell to the War Office staff, Mr. Winston Churchill foreshadowed a reduction in British commitments in the Middle East and the establishment of a Middle East Department. He pointed out that we had undertaken to maintain troops at Constantinople and carry out mandates in Palestine and Mesopotamia, but when he had established the Middle East Department, the machinery of which he would set up in a few months, he proposed to relieve the Army votes of the formidable charges with which they were burdened. He hoped to lighten the taxpayers' burdens by bringing the regions mentioned into a less extravagant condition than now.

TRADE IMPROVEMENT.

FAR EASTERN MARKETS NOW HEALTHIER.

LONDON, February 14.

The trade current is at last changing to a more healthy direction, especially in the markets of the Far East, declared Mr. Kellaway, speaking at Northampton. In the meantime the stabilisation of exchanges and barter is useless under present conditions. The former is a symptom not a disease.

LONDON, February 14.

Cotton thread mills at Falmley have reverted to full time after short time due to accumulation of stocks. The prospects are regarded as good.

THE DOLLAR.

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Today's opening rate 2/5 3/8

FAMINE RELIEF.

WORKERS WANTED.

AN URGENT CALL.

The second detachment of famine relief workers recruited by the personal committee of the United International Famine Relief Committee has already proceeded to the field and an urgent call had been sent out for others, especially those who can remain for a minimum of one month.

Philip A. Swartz, chairman of the recruiting division says the special need now is for workers who can remain for a month or still better, for full period of relief.

Constant recruiting is necessary if the work is to be expanded and the programme must be expanded to save the people, Mr. Swartz says.

While knowledge of the Mandarin tongue is not necessary in all lines of work, it is necessary in most lines and the most urgent call is for those who know the language.

TRAGEDY OF AMBITION.

MILLIONAIRE MURDERED.

POLITICIAN'S ASPIRATIONS.

A story of high political ambition lies behind the alleged murder three weeks ago by his niece, Clara Smith, of Mr. Jake Hamon, the multi-millionaire and politician, at Ardmore, Oklahoma, according to statements made by certain of the dead man's friends.

Hamon lived for several years with his niece, who in a diary and in interviews described him as "a beast" and "a devil" who "enslaved her," "ruined her life," and "killed her soul." When found after her flight to Texas a few days ago the girl said that she killed Hamon when he announced his intention of leaving her to go back to his wife.

His reason for doing this has been the subject of speculation. Now, on the eve of the girl's arrival in custody at Ardmore, Hamon's reason is disclosed. His wife is a cousin of Mrs. Warren Harding, wife of the President-elect. Hamon was unaware of this relation till he met Mr. Harding at the Republican National Convention in June, when Mr. Harding was adopted a candidate for the Presidency and Hamon was elected to the Republican National Committee, the governing body of the party.

Hamon realised what value the marriage connection with the President would be to his own political future. But Mr. Harding is well known as a "home" domestic man to whom a domestic scandal is extremely distasteful.

So Clara Smith had to go, sacrificed on the altar of Hamon's ambition.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

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In the memorandum which it has just issued dealing with the education of Chinese students in Britain the China Association makes the suggestion that a modest portion of the Boxer indemnity should be diverted to the maintenance of Chinese students in England, following the example of the United States. "With £100,000 a year," it states, "wonders could be accomplished, and the objections weigh as nothing in the balance against the advantages" to British trade.

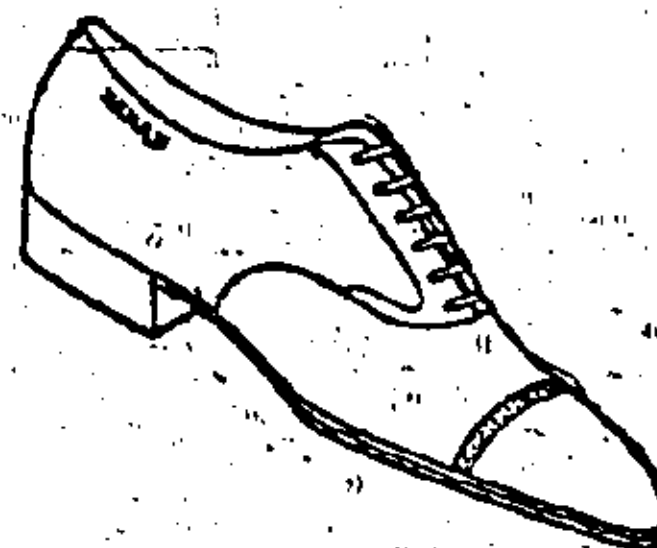
Of the nations which had a share in the Boxer indemnity, Germany and Austria have already waived the whole amount of their claims in the Treaty of Versailles. The United States has waived nearly half its claim and applied it to the education of Chinese in America. France is devoting a large part of the sum she received to the maintenance of Chinese students in French institutions and works. There remain only Italy, Belgium, and Great Britain, who have not so far taken any similar action.

"How long," asks the China Association, "could the British Government resist a demand to have the whole question re-opened? Would it not be better to act bravely and gain some advantage from a voluntary remission? No other compromise would tend so much to maintain friendly relations."

The association does not advocate the absolute cancellation of the indemnity, but only the application of a small part of it to strengthening the social and trade relations between Great Britain and China.

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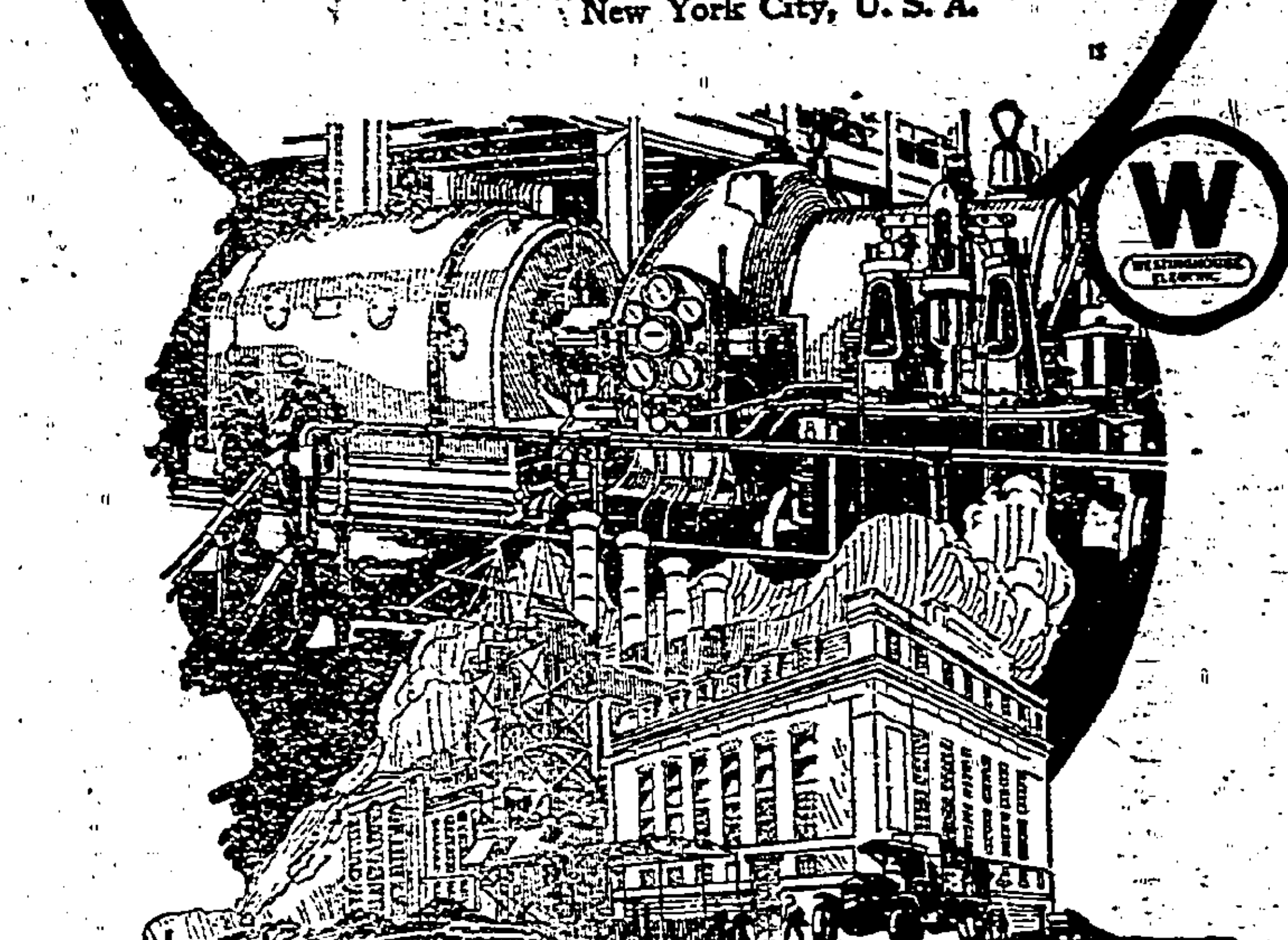
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Exporters of all kinds of Piece Goods
to India, China, &c., reported on
Wednesday, January 12:—

The more optimistic tone of the
cotton markets which set in with the
New Year has held well and prices
have again advanced steadily all
round. The upward movement is
still traceable to America where the
peak of the financial stringency
appears to have been passed, and
reports state that many mills there
are now reopening and the demand for
actual cotton is consequently increasing.
Another factor is the improved rate of sterling
exchange on America which is the
explanation of the rise at Liverpool
being less than that in New
York. New York certainly appears
to be very hopeful, but so far it
would seem that speculative short
covering has been largely responsible
for the advance which has taken
place. The Census Report of American
Cotton ginned up to January 1
was 11,559,000 bales, against
10,017,000 last year and 10,761,000
the year before. In the yarn and
cotton markets the firmer tone
of the raw material has had quite an
invigorating effect. Enquiry has
broadened in both sections and
buyers appear to be taking a more
lively interest in prices which are
distinctly firmer. The actual
turnover is still very small
however, as the business brought
out by the better tone has consisted
only of very small miscellaneous
lots. It is in fact not generally
believed that the time has arrived
yet for a renewal of trading activity
on any large scale here, although the
outlook is undoubtedly steadily im-
proving. High priced goods in the
hands of overseas buyers
still block the way—however,
and until these pass into dis-
tribution and the present financial
tightness is removed the situation
cannot be regarded as quite clear.
At the same time there is no doubt
that these dear goods are being
taken up, though the movement is
only slow, and a period of easier
money owing to the much reduced
level of prices and slackened
trade is looked forward to in the
comparatively near future. This
view seems to be the phase which
has been reached in American busi-
ness and when similar conditions
prevail here it may be safely pre-
sumed we shall have a corresponding
revival with the same sharp move-
ment towards higher prices.

WORLD TOUR BY AIR.**OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAVEL****PROPOSED ITINERARY.**

Tourist trips around the world by
air are a possibility of the near future.
Says the *Far Eastern Traveller's*
Gazette, for January, published by
Theos. Cook and Son:—

Aviation as a business is assuredly
making extraordinary progress when
it is announced in the press that the
Aero Club of America is inviting pas-
sengers for a trip around the world
in a big 10-passenger Handley Page
airplane. That such a flight can be
arranged, for what is essentially a
pleasure tour, with safe landing-
places in the remote lands visited,
and available supplies of fuel and
other necessities, indicates the
important place that aviation
has attained since the end
of the war—less than two
years. When Mr. Thomas Cook
organized the first pleasure tour of
the world in 1872, "Round the
World by Steam" was still regarded
as a remarkable achievement; the
same journey by air will probably
become a commonplace in a year or
so.

Following is the tentative Itinerary
of the proposed Round-the-World
flight:

	Miles
New York to Seattle	2,929
To Yokohama via Aleutian Is- lands	5,418
Shanghai	1,266
Bangkok, Siam	2,095
Karachi, India, via Rangoon, Calcutta and Delhi	2,563
Bagdad	1,532
Rome via Greece	1,876
Ireland (coast) via Paris and London	1,528
Newfoundland	1,875
New York	1,125
Total miles	22,207

Of air travel, the same publication
says also:—

The report of the recent flight of
Hinkler in an Avro "Baby," is
calculated to make old-fashioned
people rub their eyes. A non-stop
flight from London to Turin—
a distance of about 700
miles—by means of a 35 h.p. engine
at a cost of less than £10 for petrol,
is a performance to be rescued from
oblivion, especially when "one con-
sider that the value of the aeroplane
in question is about a fourth of the
cost of a high class touring car."

This number of the *Far Eastern
Traveller's Gazette*, like its predeces-
sors, is crowded with information con-
cerning steamship and train schedules,
fares, and connections, and is invalu-
able to anyone contemplating making
a journey in the Far East. There
are also several interesting illustrated
articles on Peking, Japan, and
Bagdad, in the Philippines.

VICEROYS' WIVES.**THE SOCIAL FACTOR.****INDIA AND ENGLAND.**

"Social relations based on reli-
gion" was declared to be the "true
tie" between India and England by
Sir Francis Younghusband, lecturing
at the Royal Colonial Institute.

Sir Francis, the distinguished ex-
plorer and Indian Political Officer,
conducted the British expedition to
the City of Lhasa, Tibet, in 1904,
when he was British Commissioner
to Tibet. He was the special corre-
spondent of *The Times* in the Chitral
Expedition, 1895.

"What practical steps," he asked,
"are we to take to strengthen and
refine these relations? First, we
must really understand India—body
and soul—the land and the people.
We have been there 300 years, but
we have not yet produced any great
interpreter of India to us. Another
practical step I would suggest is that
we should recognise that the Viceroy
and Governors we send out from
England should be chosen mainly for
their social qualifications. Viceroys
and Governors represent the King and
not only a political institution like
Parliament. And the King is the re-
presentation of the nation in the whole
of its activities. Already we have a
glimmering of the importance of the
social factor in the selection of Vice-
roys and Governors. We choose men
of good social position for those posts,
and many a man who finds his way as
a matter of course into a Cabinet of
politicians would be turned down at
once for appointment as a Governor."

"The qualifications of the wife are
also considered. We put up with any
kind of a wife in a Prime Minister.
But in selecting a Viceroy we will
often rule out a man on account of
his wife. We do therefore already in
practice, recognise the importance of
the social factor in choosing our Vice-
roys and Governors. What I urge is
that we recognise it still more clearly
and insistently."

"The time is come when we ought
seriously to consider the advisability
of having Royal Viceroys or, at any
rate, Viceroys of the social standing
and social qualities of the Duke of
Devonshire, for example. His chief
duties would be social and ceremonial.
He would be the social head; he
would abolish pomposity, discourage
display, and in their place inculcate
style and distinction, quality and
grace. Above all, he would be the
channel through which the heart of
England should reach the heart of
India."

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Governors and ex-Governors.

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DEATH.

ROCHA.—At the Italian Convent Hospital (Caine Road) on February 14, Mrs. Anna Ernestina da Rocha, widow of the late Mr. J. G. da Rocha, Accountant, General Post Office. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.15 p.m. Deeply regretted. Macao, Shanghai, Manila and Japan papers please copy.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 1921.

TRAVELLERS' RETURNS.

One picture the returned traveller, talking in his native circle, saying Sir Oracle, taking exercise with the long bow for the benefit of credulous stay-at-homes, and looking in an atmosphere of admiration. And still they gazed, and still their wonder grew. That one small head could carry all he knew. Munchausen must have had a happy home leave. The traveller's tale of M. de Crac always finds a market. Let us admit, all of us, that it is a temptation hard to resist, even if we dare not confess how often we have done ourselves. It is to be feared that our accounts of foreign parts were not always confined to the bare and simple facts. We have embroidered our napkins. Indeed, it is the people at home who will not have the Penny Plain, but show preference for the Turquoise Coloured. We have, some of us, tried to be facetious with them, and have seen the most naive narratives move them only to incredulity or boredom. Then, with the quite legitimate design of interesting them, we have enlisted the aid of a little exaggeration, and have seen it work

like a charm. Our stories of the lions and tigers and elephants we had to shoot in Hongkong (in self defence) were avidly swallowed and apparently enjoyed. We would give them a perfectly truthful account of some Chinese or Japanese custom or habit, and they would assume a shrewd expression, and protest. "Ah! Now you are pulling our legs." We would make statements that would cause a local club to rock with laughter, and they would accept them with the most obvious acquiescence. How far Thomas Partington's interview in the Bolton Journal and Guardian was thus provoked, we cannot tell; but it does recall to us a quotation recently made by Sir Robert Ho Tung. It forces us to reflect that

Lives of travellers remind us We may tell the fib sublime; But de-Partington behind us Has us beaten all the time. We observe, for instance, that Mr. P. has "travelled over the length and breadth of China," a feat that comparatively few of us have done. Our contributor "Adversarius" assures us that he did it himself last weekend, but a witness who happened to be at Macao and watched him losing fifty-dollar bets on a dead system and a dead number, leads us to conclude that he must be mistaken. "The object of Mr. Partington's return to Lancashire," we are told, "is to stir up interest in the development of British trade in China." As he happens to be a Lancashire lad, we assumed he had merely gone home on holiday. It seems we were wrong; and we must certainly praise him for the sacrifice of so much money and leisure to the disinterested missionary work he seems to be doing. He is doing it with an enthusiasm that may account for an occasional pardonable exaggeration, as when he suggests a rush of European emigrants to China to put up machinery and to grow cotton. As for his saying

with regard to coal that "the soil of China is worth its weight in gold, and contains enough coal to supply the world," we can only venture the surmise that he has heard tales of the fabulous amounts being paid by Hongkong syndicates for monopolies that go agley, and that he has been by them misled into overstatement. The other statements attributed by the interviewer to Mr. Partington, that "the native works from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, never grumbles, and is paid the equivalent of sevenpence a day," and that "written contracts in business are absolutely unnecessary," have a familiar ring about them, which suggests to us that Mr. Partington is only mediocrity responsible for them. His Home utterances generally, as so far reported for our edification and delight, prompt the suspicion that Robert Burns was psychologically in error when he wrote the lines beginning "O, wad some power the giftie gie us." For certes we have now been privileged to see ourselves as Mr. Partington describes us, and if local gossip be a trustworthy guide, we have not been freed from many blunders or foolish notions. We actually have the cheek to revise the Scots bard, and to write:

O wad some power the giftie gie Ithers to see us as ourselves we see It wad frae mony a fibber save us.

And taradiddles. Not that any harm whatever has been done or threatened to anybody whatsoever. We have tried to show how amiable and innocuous are all such travellers' returns, and if we have not quite succeeded in convincing you that you have absolutely nothing to complain of, we may at least remind you how much we have all enjoyed the discussing of these bitter dicta. Some of us feel toward them as Oliver Twist did toward Bumble's gruel. We ask for more, though we do not undertake to "swallow" it.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Moving Finger of the China Mail appears conspicuously in the pie of local matters this week. Having writ, not all their piety or wit can prevent results, apparently. But we shall see. The Government is again being challenged with regard to the loan scheme launched to encourage home building. That's for the coming meeting of the Legislative Council, at which several other questions now exercising the public mind will be brought forward. The annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, although productive of a terrible lot of words, pushes out, ameba like, a salient idea here and there. No one doubts now that the M.R.A. has firmly established itself as an important factor in local politics, nor that the political importance of Kowloon is much greater than the amount of official attention it formerly got. Like the China Mail, it has got things done. Not only did it stop the unreasonable raising of certain rents; it actually caused them to be reduced. In view of the long repeated references in this paper to the need for easing off the Building Authority's requirements, and our special pleading for the permission, in certain conditions, of wooden bungalows, it is gratifying to note the hint that Government has at last reached the frame of mind that Mr. Barkis was in, and though not yet committed, is "willing."

May we indulge in a little gentle chaff over the statement that "Mr. Noronha went on to say that the majority of European residents of Kowloon were, and were not ashamed to admit, members of the 'middle class'?" An unkindly critic than we are might describe that as not an admission but a boast. They are certainly not aristocrats, for aristocrats do not usually clamour for five-cent bus fares to suburban bungalows; and if the late General Booth had invaded their homes, and seen their comfortable standard of living, he would certainly have denied that they were part of "the submerged tenth." But what value as a classification has the statement that people are socially situated somewhere between those two extremes, the Upper-Ten and the Submerged Tenth? None whatever. Why trouble to make it?

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild has been informed by the Board of Trade that certain details of the Standard Uniform of the British Mercantile Marine will probably be modified shortly. Some minor features in the uniform have been found to require revision and some small additions have been considered necessary (e.g., the inclusion of the electrical staff on cable ships). A proposal is under consideration to insert in a new Order in Council a provision that the rank stripes for officers may, if desired, be three-eighths inch in width, an alteration suggested both on the grounds of appearance and economy. Provision may also be made for a cap badge of reduced size, which is thought to be preferable on the same ground.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Right Rev. Bishop D. Pizzoni returned to the Colony on Sunday evening.

We made a ship yesterday in referring to "the Pharies," whose show is on to-night at the Theatre Royal, as being of H.M.S. "Tamar." As most people know, they hail from H.M.S. "Tianis," the depot ship for the submarine flotilla.

A Cabaret Dance in aid of Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Servicemen will be held in St. George's Hall, at City Hall, on Thursday night, March 17. Mrs. Harry Woods and the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, the well-known entertainers, are organizing the dance. It promises to be very attractive and should be well patronized. The number of tickets to be sold is limited.

During his voyage to India on H.M.S. "Malaya," the Duke of Cornwall only occasionally left his State Room. Some men on the vessel have not yet seen him. The Malaya will pick him up on her way back, but he will only be aboard until Monte Carlo. He probably goes ashore there and will then travel overland back to England, after a short spell in Monte Carlo for the sake of his health.

Pythons are becoming almost as common in Singapore godowns as cats. Another of these unpleasant reptiles reported to be as thick as a man's thigh, and about 11 feet long, was caught in the godown of Messrs. Joseph Travers and Sons, in Club Street, Singapore. The Straits Times understands the snake is now being stuffed at the Raffles Museum and it will form a souvenir of the Straits for the manager, who is shortly going to Europe.

A student arrested last October on suspicion of distributing Bolshevik literature, has gone on hunger strike, and there is a popular agitation for his release. It is a shocking example of lawlessness, and if it spread to Japan all sorts of terrible things might happen, says the Japan Chronicle. There might even be a limit to the time allowed to the police to extract enough from the accused to justify his arrest, and then we should all be delivered into the hands of law-breakers.

On February 2, there passed away, at the General Hospital, Singapore, an aged seaman of the old school in the person of Captain Jonathan Beattie. In 1865 he left a sailing ship at Singapore, and has been out East ever since, with the exception of a visit to Scotland in 1899. Capt. Beattie commanded sailing ships in the old days, when steamers were scarce in Eastern waters, and he could spin many interesting yarns of the sea. For the last ten years he has retired from the sea, and for some years was steward of the Singapore Sailors' Home. His age was 78.

A Chinese born in America was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsey with the unlawful possession of two pistols and a sword bayonet. Sergeant Lane, who arrested the defendant on the Hantak wharf yesterday, said that the defendant had proved that he had been with the United States Military Forces during the war, and had brought with him to China German helmets and other war trophies, including the weapon seized. In view of this explanation, the D.S.P. did not wish to proceed against the defendant. He would therefore ask for permission to withdraw the charge. The Magistrate accordingly discharged the defendant.

The Health Return for the 48 hours ended yesterday shows a report of one case of smallpox, Chinese, and one death from enteric fever, also Chinese. For the week ended the 12th, there were four cases of plague, Chinese, all resulting fatally; three cases of smallpox, Chinese, two of them fatal; five cases of diphtheria, consisting of two British, two Portuguese, and one Chinese, of which two deaths were reported; one case, British, of enteric fever; one death, Chinese, of cerebrospinal fever; and four deaths, Chinese, from influenza. Deaths from the latter are not notifiable.

During the present year of 1921 the commission of the light cruiser "Hawkins," Captain Reginald H. Henderson, C.B., flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander L. Duff, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, will expire, and she will be re-commissioned for another spell of duty in a like capacity. The "Hawkins" was commissioned by Captain Henderson with a Chatham crew on July 14, 1919, and that, too, in a rather novel manner, many innovations having been introduced in the messing arrangements, etc. It was an experiment that has apparently fully justified itself, and the "Hawkins" bears the name of being one of the most "comfortable" ships in the Navy. The crew have most loyally responded to the appeal made at the time to justify the changes for their good. Paymaster-Commander T. Henley has been appointed to the "Hawkins" on the flagship re-commissioning. He has been lately doing duty on the "Victory," flagship at Portsmouth.

SPECIAL CABLES.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

AMAZING CONSPIRACY.

JAPANESE AND CHINESE IMPLICATED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15.

An amazing opium smuggling conspiracy has been unmasked following the arrest of several Japanese at Tsingtao. Plans were made to smuggle to Shanghai 100 boxes of opium valued at \$1,500,000. Fifty-five boxes were actually smuggled to Shanghai evading the vigilance of the customs. The balance of boxes were discovered at Tsingtao and confiscated. The Japanese were arrested by the police who are trying to apprehend several Chinese involved.

JAPANESE IN CHINA.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

"OPEN DOOR" PRINCIPLE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15.

An eventful session of the Japanese Chambers of Commerce in China has terminated. A resolution records the desire of the Japanese Government to assist China to improve her legal and police system enabling the early abolition of extra-territorial rights. Mr. Yamashiki, the Japanese Consul at Shanghai, urged Japanese merchants sincerely to co-operate with other nationalities in respect of the principle of the open door and equal opportunity.

CANTON FUNDS.

INJUNCTION APPLICATION.

JUDGMENT ON THURSDAY.

SHANGHAI, February 15.

The application before the British Supreme Court to renew the interim injunction relative to Government funds involving Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Canton, and the Peking Governments created lively and spirited passages between the opposing counsel. A considered judgment will be forthcoming on Thursday. The injunction is being continued meanwhile.

SHANGHAI BILLIARDS.

A WIN FOR GRAY.

CHAMPION RECOVERS FORM.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15.

Gray, conceding 300 in a game of 700 defeated Gordon Morris by 609 points. Gray has recovered his form.

STRAITS TIN SLUMP.

GOVERNMENT BUYING PRICE.

REDUCED FIFTEEN DOLLARS.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Feb. 14.

The F.M.S. Government announces that the Government buying price of tin has been reduced from \$115 to \$100 per picul as from to-day.

KWANGTUNG MINES.

AGREEMENT REFUDIATED.

REPORTED PEKING ACTION.

The following appears in a Peking contemporary.

With reference to alleged conclusion of an agreement between the former Military Governor of Kwangtung, General Mu Yung-hsin, and the Anglo-Chinese Proprietary Syndicate of Hongkong for the exploitation and working of coal mines in twenty districts of Kwangtung province with British capital, the Waichiaopu has sent an official communication to the British Legation desiring to be informed of the truth of the report in the newspapers. The Foreign Office says that, in accordance with its previous announcements, the Peking Government will not recognize any contract or agreement signed by foreign firms or individuals with any of the South-western provincial governments or military leaders about mining or financial matters, and the British Minister is requested to ascertain the truth of the reported mining concession made by the Kwangtung leaders in Kwangtung, so as to prevent any loss on the part of the Anglo-Chinese Proprietary Syndicate, especially as it is reported that the British concessionaires have already deposited the sum of one hundred thousand dollars with the former Canton Government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

THOSE HOUSING LOANS.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES COMMISSION.

Several matters of considerable local interest will be raised at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday, February 17, at 2.30 p.m.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary will table the Financial Minutes, and the Jurors List for 1921.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary will move the following resolution—

Whereas it is expected that the total Revenue derived from Light Dues (Special Assessment) since the introduction of the rates at present in force will exceed in the current year the sum of \$1,104,293, being half the cost of the Typhoon Refuge at Mongkokkum;

And whereas an undertaking was given that this Special Assessment would not be continued after the above mentioned sum had been raised unless a new Resolution should first be proposed to the Legislative Council;

And whereas, in view of the financial requirements of the Colony, it is expedient to continue the collection of Light Dues at the present rates;

It is hereby resolved by this Council that Light Dues shall continue to be collected at the rates laid down in Table F of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, No. 10 of 1899.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will ask the following Questions—

(1) In view of the pressing need of room for further office accommodation in this Colony, will the Government approach the Military Authorities with a view to the Murray Parade Ground being handed over to the Government at an early date?

(2) For the convenience of those who desire to build houses for their own occupation, will the Government state the terms and conditions upon which it is prepared to grant loans for the building of such houses?

(3) Will the Government give a list of the various houses and flats which are being built with loans advanced by the Government and the dates of such respective loans and the estimated respective dates of completion of such houses and flats?

(4) Will the Government consider the advisability of a Mental Ward for the care of the insane being established in connection with the proposed New Hospital at Kowloon, so that those who are mentally afflicted may not be confined in the cramped and depressing quarters which are comprised in the present Lunatic Asylum?

(5) What progress is being made by the Economic Resources Commission and how soon may some report from that Commission be expected?

(6) Will the Government appoint a small Committee of experts for the purpose of considering the feasibility of extending the system of water closets in this Colony by the pumping up of sea-water from the Harbour and by the provision of a kind of pipe which will not be corroded by sea-water?

(7) Will the Government introduce a Bill to amend section 26A of the Offences against the Person Ordinance, 1865, (which was introduced by Ordinance 9 of 1913) by inserting the words "medical aid" after "clothing" in the clause defining neglect of children and young persons, in order to bring the law of the Colony in this particular respect into line with the law of England, i.e., a 12 (1) of the Children's Act, 1908?

(8) In view of the fact that in 1917 and 1918, many months of repeated representations by the Government and the Naval and Military Authorities and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the China Association were required in order to obtain Exchange Compensation for the Officers and men of the Services, will the Government now co-operate with the local Naval Authorities in protesting against the recent proposal of the Home Authorities to impose Income Tax upon the Exchange Compensation granted to those who are serving under the Admiralty on this Station?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Hon. Attorney General will move—

(1) First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912."

(2) First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Widows and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908."

(3) Second reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to authorise the making of by laws in respect of Holsa Wharf."

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ORGAN RECITAL.

MR. DENMAN FULLER PLAYS.

AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

The Organ Recital which Mr. Denman Fuller gave last evening at the Cathedral not only served to emphasize the skill of the talented organist, but brought out the beautiful effects made possible by recent alterations and additions to the Organ. The recital was well attended, and in every way was most enjoyable.

Mr. Fuller played Wesley's "Choral Song and Fugue," a brilliant and ornamental piece, followed by Lemare's "Nocturne," which by its delicacy, furnished a pretty contrast. His interpretation, on the Organ, of Bach's "Prelude," more familiarly known as a work for the piano, was effective and delightful. The programme included also Grieg's "Waldmar's Song," Widor's "Toccata," and E. J. Horsman's "The Carlew," all of them charmingly played, the latter especially being appreciated. Mr. Fuller gave also an improvisation, to show the variety of effects of which the Organ is capable.

OBITUARY.

MRS. J. G. DA ROCHA.

It was with deep regret that many friends throughout the Colony learned of the death yesterday of Mrs. Ernestina da Rocha, one of the oldest and most respected of the Portuguese members of the community. Mrs. da Rocha was 74 years of age, and had been a resident of the Colony since 1868. She was the widow of Mr. J. G. da Rocha, accountant for years in the General Post Office.

Mrs. da Rocha was the revered mother of a large family, now grown up and in business. One son is the principal of the well-known firm of J. M. da Rocha and Company; Mr. A. G. da Rocha, the auctioneer, is another; a third is in Jardines; a fourth in the Swedish Trading Company; a fifth in the Union Insurance Society; and a sixth is in Macao. A daughter is the wife of Mr. da Rocha of the Hongkong Daily Press.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 this afternoon.

BILLIARDS.

HO KONG TONG CUPS.

LAST NIGHT'S PLAY.

Last night's play at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, in connection with the tournament for the above cups resulted in A. Andrews (-50) beating W. Marsh (-125), 250-234; and A. J. Osmund (-300) defeating S. A. Brown (-125), 250-98.

The highest breaks of the evening were: Andrews, 22 and 21; Marsh, 22 and 21; Osmund, 38, 34 (twice), 30, 29, 27 (twice), 24, 22, 18, 16 (twice) and 15 (three times); and Brown, 21 and 16.

TODAY'S GAMES.

6 p.m.—C. Bond (-150) v. W. Smith (-100).

9 p.m.—A. Greensett (scr.) v. S. J. Sowray (-200).

KINEMA NOTES.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

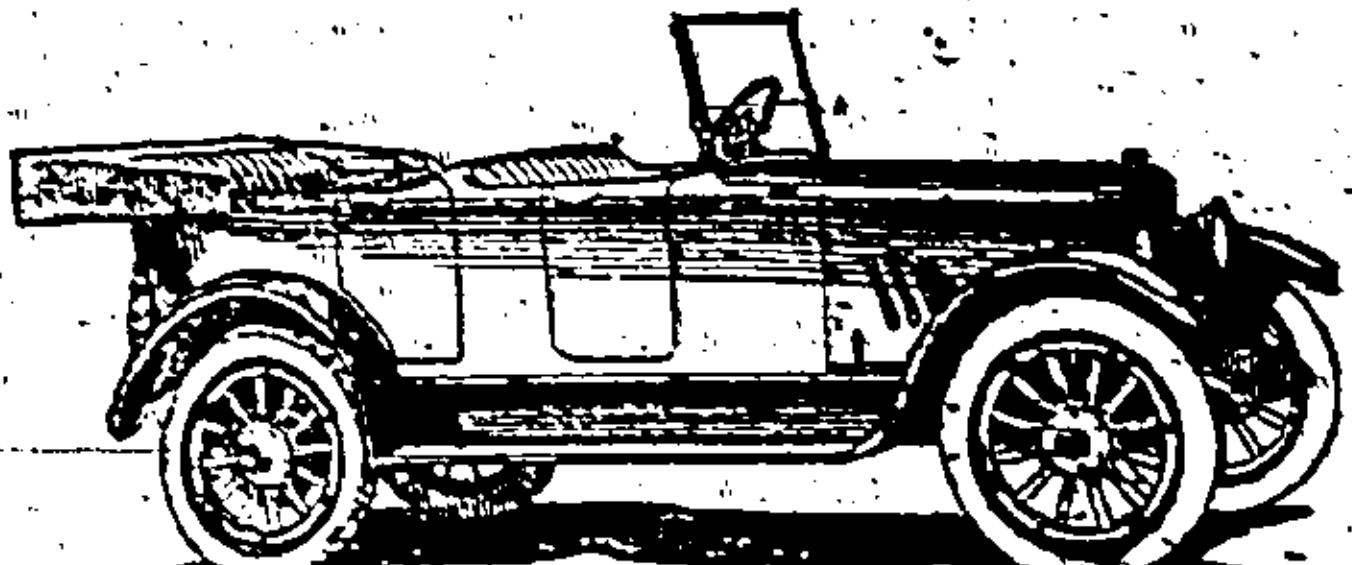
Those who have not yet seen "By Right of Purchase," which is just completing its run at the Hongkong Theatre, should not miss the opportunity, not only because it is a Norma Talmadge picture, but because it is a superior piece of workmanship in every way. Norma Talmadge is one of the few great actresses on the screen to-day, and this picture is one of her best. It is not melodramatic, nor improbable, nor any of the things that pictures are so apt to be when manufactured in a desperate attempt to satisfy what is alleged to be the taste of the public; it is simply a strong, satisfying, unclouded of a romance. The beautiful Margot, because of her mother's pressing financial difficulties, consents to marry the wealthy Chadwick Himes. It is agreed that if he has not won her love at the end of two years, he will give her freedom and a fortune. Well, he wins it, and because he is a very nice Chadwick Himes, one is jolly glad he does. The whole story is lifted to a high plane, and is very pleasing.

To-morrow a new interesting programme will be shown, in which Jack Pickford will appear in "The Varmint," a beautiful play in five parts, and the popular "Fatty" will give his best comic display between intervals. The famous Louisiana Trio and Quartette are re-appearing on Friday and Saturday next when new comic songs and dialogues will be delivered. This is the last opportunity to witness these talented players.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Radio's Service to the China Mail)

NEAR EAST CONFERENCE.

ONLY ONE TURKISH DELEGATION TO BE ADMITTED.

LONDON, February 14.
 It is announced that if two separate Turkish delegations come to the Near Eastern conference in London only the Porte's delegation will be admitted and the Nationalists must use it as their mouthpiece. It is hoped that complications will be avoided by the two delegations coming to an understanding before February 21. Satisfaction is expressed in London that Bekinsam Bey, Foreign Minister of the Ankara Government, the well-known moderate, heads the Nationalist delegation and not Mukhtar Bey, as previously announced.

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA.

ALLIED SECRET SERVICE AGENTS BUSY.

LONDON, February 15.
 The Morning Post's Paris correspondent states that Allied secret service agents have discovered that the centre of Bolshevik propaganda in Eastern countries is now in Bremen. The Allies possess a report of the last general meeting of the conspirators in Bremen from which it appears that the Bolsheviks have no great hopes of success in England and France but regard the prospects in Germany and Central Europe as much more promising and count especially on success in Italy.

PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY.

LONDON, February 14.
 Mr. Clynes has been elected chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party in succession to Mr. Adamson.

BERLIN POLICE DISCOVER BIG ARMS DUMP.

BERLIN, February 14.
 Following up the clues secured in the raid on an alleged secret branch of the prohibited Escherich organisation, the police have discovered an extensive dump in the Lehrers Strasse including 2,000 rifles.

LICENCE INFRINGED.

LIQUOR SOLD TO SAILORS.

"THE HOLE IN THE WALL."

The proprietor of a Chinese restaurant in Queen's Road East, known among its sailor and soldier customers as "The Hole in the Wall," was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme at the instance of Inspector Kent, of No. 2, Police Station, with having committed a breach of his licence by selling liquor on the premises.

Sergeant McFall said that at 1 a.m., on February 6 he visited the defendant's restaurant and there saw six sailors and a soldier sitting at a table with glasses of beer in front of them.

Mr. A. E. Hall, for the defence, submitted that he had no case to answer in that Sergeant McFall's evidence had not been corroborated. It was remarkable to him, said Counsel, that none of the Europeans whom the Sergeant said he had seen on the premises had been called as witnesses, or that even one of the bottles had been produced to support the Sergeant's evidence. Counsel submitted that such a procedure was essential to prove a case of this nature.

Inspector Kent said that it was impossible to produce one of the bottles as evidence, for to remove it from the table would simply be looking for trouble. It must be borne in mind that the Sergeant was alone.

Mr. Hall said that he hoped that the Magistrate understood that he was not making his submission in the nature of an excuse, but he thought he was right in his point of view.

The Magistrate thought otherwise, and convicting the defendant imposed a fine of \$200, or, in default, three months' hard labour.

A BIG DISCOVERY.

VALUABLES IN VAULTS.

WHAT THE VLADIVOSTOK STATE BANK HAS FOUND.

Vladivostok, February 2.—The Vladivostok State Bank is believed to have discovered in its vaults jewellery, gold and silver to the total value of thirty million yen. It is claimed that this treasure was despatched from Omak with Koltchak's Government, and represents partly private deposits, and partly valuables taken from the Reds by Koltchak's army during their advance in 1919.

—Reuter.

SAILOR'S ALLEGED ASSAULT.

POLICE SERGEANT'S COMPLAINT.

"DRUNK AND QUARRELSOME."

A plea of not guilty was entered by Mr. D. H. Blake at the Magistracy this morning on behalf of H. Denniston, a member of the crew of H.M.S. "Hawkins," who was charged with having assaulted Police Sergeant McFall while drunk and disorderly in Spring Garden Lane in the small hours of February 6.

Sergeant McFall stated that he found the accused amusing himself by chasing a rhesa cooie round his rhesa. As the accused was obviously intoxicated witness tried to induce him to leave the lane and go either to the Naval Canteen or the Dockyard. Suddenly, without warning or provocation, the accused struck witness a heavy blow on the mouth. Witness at once closed with the accused and they both fell to the ground. While on the ground witness received several kicks. Someone blew a police whistle and the defendant and the two friends who were with him made off. Accused was later brought to the station drunk. After accused had been locked up witness went to hospital where he was detained for six days.

Mr. Blake: I put it to you that you were holding the shaft of another bluejacket's rhesa when the accused came along and enquired what was the matter. You then assaulted him?—Nothing of the sort occurred.

You demanded that the defendant should pay the fare of the rhesa. He did so and was about to re-enter his own vehicle when you arrested him?—No. I did not arrest him. I was in the station when he was brought in. The Chinese constable who chased him immediately after the assault arrested him.

You took out your truncheon?—I did not, but I wish I had.

What was defendant's condition when he was brought to the station?—He was very drunk.

Dead drunk?—No, but he was sufficiently drunk to be quarrelsome. He gave all the trouble he possibly could.

After hearing further evidence, including Lieut. Bonham-Carter's testimony as to the defendant's good character, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Korwall report on February 13 as follows:—

Since our last report on the 11th ult. by str. "Dilvara" our market, during the earlier part of the interval, had continued very dull, but latterly the Chinese buyers, finding the present low prices very favourable came out to meet their immediate requirements, which resulted in a fair amount of business in about 8,000 bales in best known Chops of 10s and 12s yarn with an advance of \$5 to \$10 per bale.

This improvement did not last long as the recent telegraphic advices from India of local dealers there, offering their holdings at much under the ruling rates, caused some anxiety to the foreign holders who, in trying to relieve themselves of their stock, commenced to sell at more reduced rates, which produced a very adverse effect and the buyers have entirely refrained from making any new purchases and our market, at the close, has remained quiet without any further inquiry.

Unsold stock 8,000 bales.

Bargains 13,000 bales.

Arrivals—From Bombay, 4,000 bales.

Shanghai reports a very dull business with weaker tendency.

Japanese Yarn.—Owing to very low rates a moderate business has passed during the interval and subsequently with an advance of 10/15 per bale the market has kept up steady.

The following are the latest quotations—200 bales Nagasaki, No. 10s, at \$165/175; 50 bales Nagasaki, No. 12s, at \$189/185; 500, No. 20s, at \$215/220; 3 Horses, No. 10s, at \$174; 3 Horses, No. 16s, at \$196; 3 Horses, No. 20s, at \$200; Yellow Jess, No. 10s, at \$177; 700 bales Yellow Jess, No. 20s, at \$195/204; 400 bales Seta, No. 10s, at \$174; 180; Seta, No. 20s, at \$220; and Blue Fish, No. 20s, at \$215.

Raw Cotton.—No business has transpired during the whole interval and prices are normal.

Bengal, \$30/35 per picul.

Chinese, \$35/40 per picul.

Stock, 300 bales Bengal.

Stock, 100 small bales Chinese.

It has been the custom for many years past during Lent to make a collection for Dr. Barnardos Homes, and this year, in view of the high cost of living and the increased number of children who were admitted to the Homes during the war, it is much hoped to enlarge the number of those interested, so that there may be a generous response. In addition to the collection of money, it is suggested that work parties should be formed with a view to a Sale of Works being held in Easter Week. Donations and names of those willing to help should be sent to Mrs. H. E. Pollock, 128 The Peak.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. "AM. Maru"—Mr. Thomas Archer and Mr. R. B. Smith, for Manila; Mrs. Bruno Droscher, Geo. Stigler, and G. F. Meyer; for Sydney, Mrs. M. V. B. Byles, Messrs G. Clark, W. R. Clark, F. J. Joyce and Mrs. A. H. Clark; for Melbourne, Rev. A. J. Broadbent, Mrs. E. J. Walker, Mrs. L. D. Broadbent, Mrs. J. M. McGill, Miss E. Broadbent and Mr. G. McGill.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "AM. Maru"—Rev. M. Meyer, E. Droscher, G. Stigler, Miss E. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clark, Mrs. McGill, Master G. McGill, Mr. C. E. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Gier, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, Mr. E. Wilder, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Broadbent, Miss E. Broadbent, Mr. E. A. Rimmer, Mr. S. E. Zetarella and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

Per s.s. "Banyo Maru"—Mr. M. Land, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Zelling, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. I. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Saleeby, Mr. and Mrs. L. Vidal, Mr. J. M. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lauderdale, Mr. Leo Fodolati, Mrs. A. E. Lupton, Miss M. R. Armitage, Mrs. O. M. Edwards, Miss Vera Mirwa, Messrs H. Waelli, A. Bebel, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Todd, Miss E. Oppen, Miss L. Montilla, Miss Ernestina Oppen, Messrs A. M. Carvalha, O. B. Ampil, O. J. Jimenez.

The C.P.O.S. s.s. "Matawa," from Hongkong on Feb. 14, arrived at Saigon on Feb. 13 (a.m.).

The C.P.O.S. s.s. "Methven," from Hongkong on Feb. 13, arrived at Saigon on Feb. 13 (a.m.).

The "Ben" Line s.s. "Bemarty," from Middlesbrough, London, and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on Feb. 13, and may be expected to arrive here on Feb. 18. Agents, Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," arrived at Shanghai on Feb. 13 (p.m.) left there on Feb. 13 (a.m.) and is due at Nagasaki on Feb. 16 (a.m.).

The s.s. "Achilles," sailed on the 9th inst. for Liverpool.

The s.s. "Titan," leaves on the 6th March for Liverpool.

H. E. the Governor attends St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday morning in connection with the day of prayer for the success of the famine relief fund national drive.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

RACE BOOKS.

THE RACE BOOK is now ready and the only authorized Edition is that published by Messrs. NORONHA & CO. WHICH IS COPYRIGHT UNDER THE ACT OF 1911.

R. J. PATERSON,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PERSIA MARU,"
 From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Tuesday, the 15th inst., consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their bills of lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognized after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

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Y. TEUTSUMI,

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Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

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 commencing at 11 a.m.,
 at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
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 4 cases Worsted Border Venetians,
 1 case Suinting,
 1 case Black Broadweaves,
 6 Suit Lengths,
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 14 Steel Trunks,
 133 Galvanized Oval Baths, sizes ranging from 12" to 30"

8 Garden Forks.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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NOTICES.

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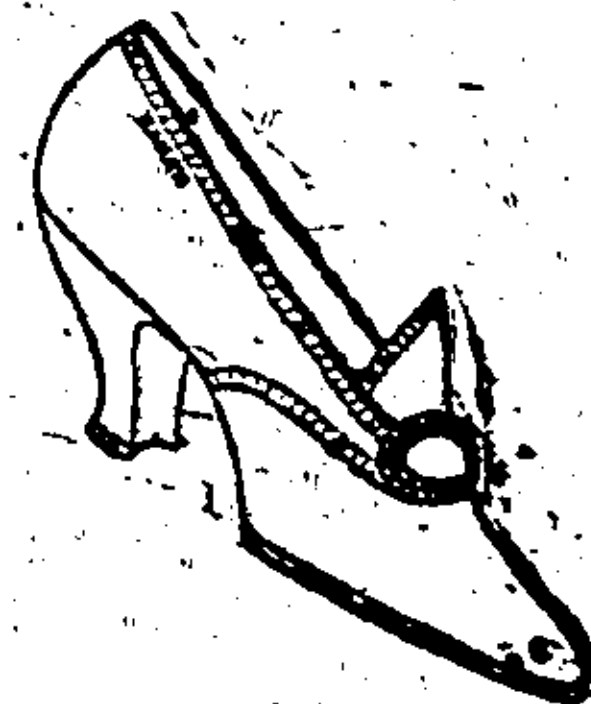
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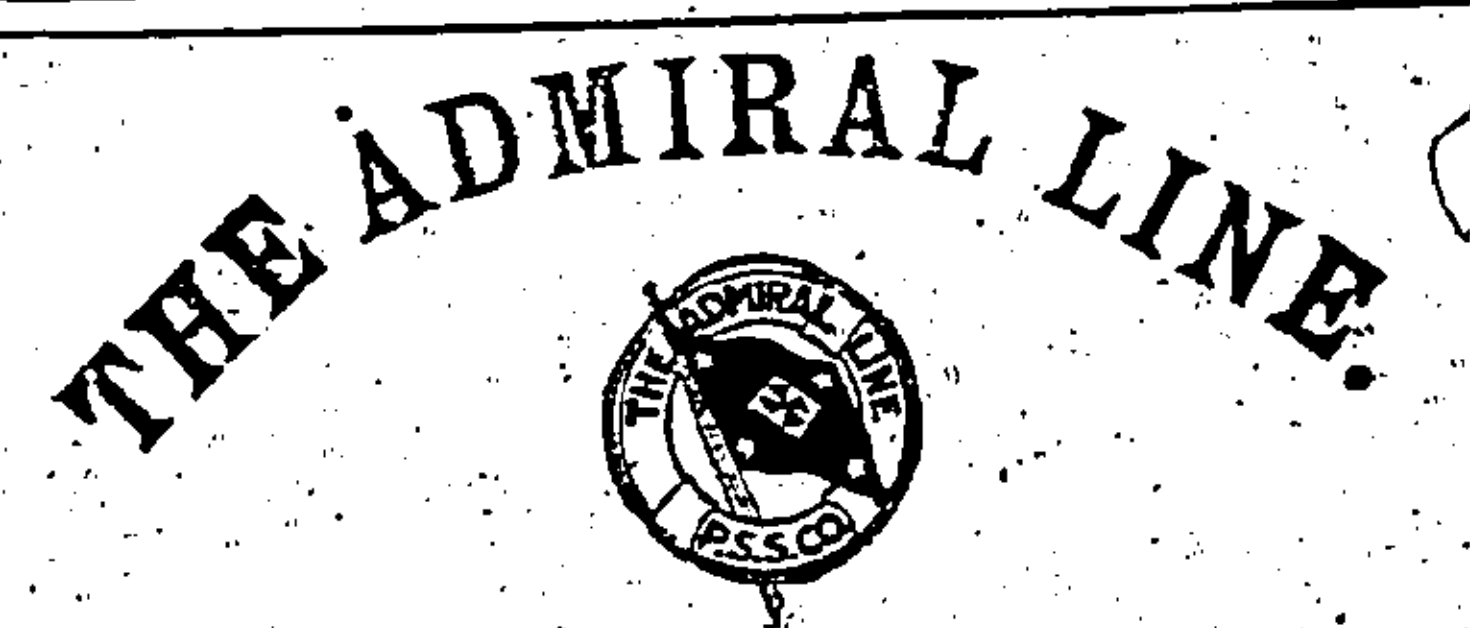
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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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FROM HONGKONG

Feb. 23—B. F. Tientsin.

Mar. 1—B. F. Eurydice.

5—B. F. Kentucky.

7—B. F. Helena.

14—B. F. Telemos.

21—B. F. Leartes.

Apr. 11—B. F. Theodos.

13—B. F. Swart.

June 20—B. F. Archibald.

July 4—B. F. Mentor.

13—B. F. Telemos.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 17—B. F. Japan.

13—P. & O. Khiva.

13—N. Y. K. Yamaguchi Maru.

21—N. Y. K. Mentor.

23—B. F. Proteus.

Mar. 1—B. F. Arratoon Appan.

5—D. F

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED.

HOUSING, RECREATION, AND FOOD SUPPLY.

At the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association held at the Kowloon British School last evening, a good attendance listened to an interesting review of the varied work done by the Committee during the past twelve months. Captain Wheeler (Vice-President), presided and with him were Messrs. G. Currie, F. P. Soares, A. Johnstone, F. P. Shroff, A. Fothergill, A. Hicks, E. J. Noronha, T. Petrie, C. A. da Rosa, (members of Committee); and Mr. W. Jackson (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). Among the others present was the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C. On the motion of Mr. W. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Noronha, Captain Wheeler was voted to the chair. Captain Wheeler mentioned that the President, Mr. B. L. Frost, was absent in Japan, and explained the shortness of the notice calling the meeting, which was due to the delayed reply from the Government to the application for the use of the school-room. After the minutes of the first general meeting had been confirmed, the Chairman called upon Mr. E. J. Noronha to review the year's work, in the course of which he said—

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

The Committee regretted that there was nothing to add. Some misapprehension had arisen from the vote of \$50,000 in this year's Budget, that the total cost of the building would be \$50,000. That amount represented what the Government thought it would be able to spend in the current year, although at the present rate of progress the Government would probably not use more than half of the amount allocated. The Committee urged the Government to press on the work, and, if the P.W.D. was too busy, to employ one of the local architects. (Applause.)

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

This question had arisen simultaneously with the consideration of the control of rents. On this the Committee met with very great success. In the case of the increased rents of the Barrack Terrace the Government intervened at the request of the Committee and instead of the rents being increased by something like twenty to thirty per cent. they were decreased. (Applause.) They had every reason to believe that the intervention of the Committee and the threat which H.E. the Governor made that, if landlords would continue to increase rents, he would have seriously to consider the introduction of a Bill to form a Fair Rents Board in the Colony, had its effect in keeping rents down, although in a few cases they were increased. The Committee and the Association had no quarrel with vested interests and the landlords. They believed that everyone had the right to a certain fair interest on his money but on this question of rent, especially in Kowloon, they took the view that while there was a great scarcity of such circumstances should be taken into account beyond a fair rate of interest. (Applause.) In the case of a new building which certainly should consider the 8 per cent. which was the figure fixed by the Government—or even 10 per cent. would not be too much to prefer not to mention old buildings which had been to mention for the last thirty years for \$35 or \$50, that the rent should be increased to \$80 or \$100, they held that was too much, because there was no justification for saying that the land was not receiving a fair return for his money. (Applause.) In taking up this question they had pointed out to the Government that the only permanent and satisfactory solution would be the construction of new houses and many more of them. (Applause.) They were glad to be able to say that the Government had agreed with them in this matter and that most of their recommendations had been adopted.

THE KOWLOON TONG SCHEME.

Mr. Noronha referred to the Committee recently appointed to further the settlement scheme at Kowloon Tong. It was to be regretted that the first meeting of that committee had not yet been convened and they trusted that there would be no delay. They were informed unofficially that the preparation of the site had been entrusted to a leading firm of local architects. Until the committee had held its first meeting it was perhaps improper for them to express any views on this matter, but perhaps it was betraying no secret to state that the Government would probably very soon consider very drastic modifications of the Public Health and Building Ordinances to enable the construction of wooden houses. It had been a source of very great pleasure and gratification to the Committee that the Government had almost promised that it would build forty houses for its own subordinate officers, a splendid example which he trusted many of the leading firms would follow. (Applause.)

The success of the scheme, however, would depend largely upon easy and cheap means of communication, and they would certainly be glad to learn that at the request of the Government the Committee had submitted an exhaustive report on the subject of fares, routes and time-tables for a motor bus service in Kowloon.

MOTOR BUS SERVICE.

Mr. Noronha read the following letter, which had been submitted to the Government:

The Honourable
Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary.

Kowloon Bus Service.

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 6th October, I am directed by my Committee to submit to you the following report on the subject of the proposed Motor Omnibus Service in Kowloon, with special reference to the routes, minimum time-table, and the scale of fares to be charged.

2.—A Sub-Committee was appointed to investigate the question, and its report was fully considered at a meeting of the entire Committee.

3.—After careful consideration, and much discussion, and, bearing in mind the Government's desire to open up the more remote parts of Kowloon by guar-

anteeing a cheap and regular service, it was decided to recommend the following—

ROUTE.	IN CLAS. 1st Class.	IN CLAS. 2nd Class.	MINUTE.
1.—Tsim Sha Tsui to Yau Ma Tei	0	0	10
2.—(a) Yau Ma Tei to Mong Kok Tei	0	0	10
(b) Mong Kok Tei to Lai Chikok	0	0	10
3.—Mong Kok Tei to Kowloon City	10	0	10
4.—Tsim Sha Tsui to Hung Hom	0	0	10
5.—Hung Hom to Kowloon City	10	0	10
6.—Yau Ma Tei to Hung Hom	0	0	10
7.—Yau Ma Tei to Mong Kok Tei	0	0	10

ROUTES.

4.—The distribution of the population throughout Kowloon largely influenced the determination of the various routes to be operated. (7) routes are recommended, with the object of linking up the three most distant termini, namely, Tsim Sha Tsui, Lai Chikok and Kowloon City, and tapping the densely populated districts en route, i.e., Mong Kok Tei and Hung Hom.

5.—A sketch plan is attached to facilitate reference, termini being indicated by the respective numbers of the routes, each number being enclosed within a circle.

6.—The traffic on the various routes, and on different sections of the same route, will not be uniform. The long routes have, therefore, been divided into separate sections, each with its own fare and time-table, every such allocation to a certain section going and returning by the same route on both journeys.

7.—There are also two branch routes, one being a direct service connecting the two important districts of Mong Kok Tei and Hung Hom, and the other operating the triangular route Yau Ma Tei-Ho Mun-Tin-Mong Kok Tei.

8.—The fares have been fixed on broad lines, that for the three longest routes, Tsim Sha Tsui to Lai Chikok or Kowloon City, being fixed at the maximum of 15 cents for first-class and 6 cents for third-class.

9.—The scale of fares is not based on mileage, the fares for each section being uniform, the rate of 5 cents for first-class and 2 cents for third class. This would considerably help in the development of the outlying districts, between Mong Kok Tei and Lai Chikok and along the new road from Yau Ma Tei to Kowloon City, which are eminently suitable as European reservations for residential areas.

10.—Similarly, fares and time-table could, however, be modified as experience may demand, and this remark also applies to the permanent stopping-places, those recommended by my Committee being purely experimental.

11.—My Committee does not claim perfection for its schedule in the matter of routes, fares or time-table, and it realises that there are certain branch routes, such as the one along the proposed new road from Mong Kok Tei to the foot of the northern side of the hill where the

Blindenheim is situated, which will have to be established in the near future.

12.—Provision must also be made from the experience gained after, say, three months' trial, for a more frequent service on certain hours of the day between centres of habitation and employment (for Europeans, between 5 and 6.30 a.m. and between 5 and 6.30 p.m., and at the mid-day recess).

13.—These buses, most naturally, would be expected to save the arrival of the Star Ferry, the Tsim Sha Tsui and the Hongkong Yau Ma Tei and Hongkong-Sham Shing ferries at points contiguous in each case to the landing places.

14.—My Committee welcome with great satisfaction the Government assurance of financial aid to any company or individual conducting the Motor Omnibus Service in Kowloon, as it feels it must admit that some form of remuneration during the first few years. It is, however, confident that such a benevolent attitude on the part of the Government towards the proposed scheme will be amply repaid by the rapid development of districts which otherwise would remain *terra incognita* for many years to come.

15.—In conclusion, my Committee desires me to express the hope that its efforts to comply with the Government's desires for the co-operation in the Kowloon Residents' Association in the Motor Omnibus Service may lead and hasten in some measure the early opening of communication between Kowloon and its environs, and I am to assure you that the services of my Committee are at all times at the disposal of the Government and the New Territories is concerned. I have, etc.,

W. JACKSON,
Hon. Secretary.

THE MIDDLE CLASS.

Mr. Noronha went on to say that the majority of European residents in Kowloon were, and were to be, admitted to members of the middle class, and most of them as had once been pointed out by one of the medical men on the Committee, had very large families, and if they were to build houses in the outlying districts without easy means of communication it would mean no advantage whatever to them. Furthermore, the Government would start any sort of service, however insignificant to start with, however insufficient, and then leave it to experience to improve it, it would help many of their members to make up their own minds to build their own homes in the beautiful areas which abounded in Kowloon.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The great popularity of the recently equipped children's playground, which was advocated by the Committee, had more than justified the representations made to the Government. It was probably due to the success of the playground that the Government had approached the Committee with the request that it make recommendations as to what should be done with the three plots of ground along Salisbury Road. The following letter was sent in—

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary.

December 7th.

Sir, Referring to the interview which we the members of the Sub-Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, had with you on Monday, the 23rd November, in connection with the proposed laying out of the plots of ground situated—

- (a) Forming the corner of Salisbury and Raffles Roads.
- (b) Situating Victoria View.
- (c) Abutting on Nathan and Middle Roads.

As recreation grounds, we beg to express our hearty concurrence with the plan, which, we are firmly convinced, will be of interest not only to the residents of Kowloon but also to the numerous athletic associations in the Colony.

2.—We are agreed that all of the three grounds named should be levelled, turfed and laid out as public recreation grounds to be allotted to the Government in consultation with the Sub-Committee.

3.—Plot (a) is considered to be eminently suitable as a Tennis Ground, and it is also suggested that a Pavilion for the convenience of players and/or Clubs should be erected on this plot.

4.—Plot (b) is considered to lend itself to being laid out as a Garden and Resort, with seating accommodation and, possibly, a Bandstand, and a shelter at either of its southern corners.

5.—Plot (c) is considered as being adaptable for either Cricket, Baseball or Hockey. At its eastern end, the space could be utilised as an additional Children's Playground, where Swings, etc., might also be installed.

6.—If the above suggestions are carried out, the grounds should be beautified by the planting of flowering trees and shrubs which would serve as an additional natural fence. This, however, is a matter that may be safely left in the hands of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department in consultation with the Sub-Committee, and we suggest the labelling of all trees, shrubs and plants for the purpose of enabling the public to become better acquainted with the flora of the Colony and South China.

7.—As none of the three grounds are of sufficient size to afford adequate seating accommodation, space for this important branch of athletic might be obtained inside the railway enclosure east of Hung Hom Station. The expense in this connection being very small, these grounds should be made available immediately, and we would respectfully suggest that permission be granted by the Railway Administration for their use as football grounds.

8.—Mr. Jackson, acting upon your suggestion, interviewed Mr. E. J. Noronha, President of the Club de Recreio, who informed him that the Club de Recreio wished to have a ground of their own which they could erect their own pavilion on the same terms as the Recreation and other Clubs hold their allotments elsewhere from the Government.

10.—We are in sympathy with the desire of the Club de Recreio to have a ground of their own, but we understand that Mr. Noronha is in direct negotiation with the Government in this matter.

11.—We thank you for your courtesy in inviting us to express our opinion on this important project, and we shall be glad if we could be of service to you in connection with any question directly or indirectly associated with the betterment of conditions of residence in Kowloon. We have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servants.

B. L. FROST,
T. PETRIE,
W. JACKSON.

DELAYS IN REPLYING.

Mr. Noronha said it was a matter for regret that as in the case of the majority of their correspondence with the Government no further reply had been received to their last letter. They realised that the Colonial Secretary was a very busy man with many more important matters to attend to. That was the reason why the Committee had not pressed for replies to the various matters raised by it. At the risk of digression he would mention that their relations with the Government had happily always been most cordial. The Committee very much appreciated the high compliment which the Governor paid to the Association at the Budget meeting of the Legislative Council in November last.

Mr. Noronha quoted the remarks of H.E. the Governor, the Hon. Mr. Sefton, who had also given the Committee great encouragement and Mr. Fletcher, before leaving for home, replied to a letter of thanks from the Committee that it was he who was indebted to them for assistance. When the Association was not a success and it was later it would meet the fate of everyone who attacked "the big ones of the Colony." No one need hold back from membership on that score. The Association had shown that it was only working for the good of the general public. The Committee had held 11 meetings in the last 12 months; each meeting had been well attended and many had been protracted. It had been considered wise not to publish the correspondence or admit the Press to meetings at present but in the coming year a resume of the proceedings would be sent to the newspapers.

The education question, especially with regard to the Kowloon British School, had occupied much attention and the Association had obtained representation on the Education Board, Mr. Jackson being appointed. (Applause.)

BATHING BEACHES.

The Committee had approached the Government as to the provision of bathing beaches for Kowloon residents. Lately a suggestion had been made that, at very little expense, the part of the Harbour bordered by the railway embankment might be laid out as a swimming tank—a few stakes driven into the Harbour and some rocks removed would be quite sufficient. If the Government doubted the success of the scheme, the Association would be prepared to show what could be done, at a charge of 10 cents a head, to enable residents to enjoy a swim morning, mid-day and evening, and at the same time for those who did not swim to meet friends at the bathing place. In this connection Mr. Noronha acknowledged the facilities for bathing afforded to the people of Kowloon by the Victoria Recreation Club, he also spoke of the time and expense involved in bathing at Stonecutter's.

On the question of a hall for meetings in Kowloon, Mr. Noronha described the arrangements it was hoped to make with the new picture theatre, and suggested, nevertheless he hoped that a Public Hall proper would be available within five years.

The Association had higher ambitions than to hold a meeting once a year. It was suggested that it should devise means for the enjoyment of residents. Last week the Rev. Mr. Andrew's Church Men's Association held a Marathon meeting and the Club de Recreio held one last year—it was suggested that the Residents' Association take charge of all such functions, and hold athletic meetings, concerts, debating societies, etc.

GOOD SUPPLIES.

A very important question which the Association had taken up with the Government had unfortunately been allowed to drop. The Association felt that the Colony should be self-supporting in the matter of fresh vegetables, poultry and meat. (Applause.) The Colony had no supply of its own and should there be supplies in the places outside from which supplies were derived, Hongkong might have to face a very difficult problem. There were large and very cheap areas of land in the New Territories, and there was no reason why this land should not be developed. Hongkong had a good Dairy Farm but the Committee considered that there should also be one in Kowloon, though on a much larger scale. They firmly believed that land in Kowloon would appreciate very much in value, and that within the recollection of some of them that only a generation ago not more than \$200 was paid for a plot of land worth to-day \$2,000,000. Therefore the Government should take time by the forelock and see that suitable land was provided for a farm in Kowloon.

It was not a very satisfactory thing that most of the European residents of this Colony should depend for their living on clerks or shop assistants in mercantile firms. There were industries in the Colony carried on by Chinese rather inefficiently for want of capital and proper supervision and the development of those industries offered a large field to Europeans. In this connection he named a number of local industries.

Mr. Noronha gave the following list of subjects which had engaged the attention of the Committee during the year: Direct representation on the Legislative Council, roads, public open spaces, advances to the public for building houses, food prices, provision of a band, conduct of Indians in Nathan Road, lighting, Yau Ma Tei market, Kowloon British School, boxing, compulsory education, supply of information by members, fire brigades, fire alarms, pillar boxes, numbering of houses, alleged nuisances. Through all this had entailed many hours of work, the Committee considered it a labour of love and felt that they had fulfilled a public duty. He hoped that new blood would be introduced on the Committee year by year, and that the interests of Kowloon residents would always be in the hands of capable and energetic men. (Applause.)

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts, showing that the income, although they had 281 members, was only \$164. The expenditure amounted to

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\$178.30, showing a debit balance of \$12.30.

On the motion of Mr. Dr. Purvis, seconded by Mr. F. P. Soares, the accounts were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. Hicks said he would like to propose that their President for the coming year be Capt. Wheeler, who had been Vice-President for some months and to whose attendance at committee meetings and to whose work he could testify. Capt. Wheeler was a man who brought great common sense and practicality to bear on all matters under discussion and he did not think they could do better than have him as President. (Applause.)

Seconded by Mr. Sefton and carried. Returning thanks, the CHAIRMAN said he would do the best he could. He regretted that their late President could not be present and proposed that they place on record their great appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Frost during the year. (Applause.)

Mr. B. W. Wynn proposed that Mr. G. Currie be Vice-President. Mr. Jackson seconded, but Mr. Currie said it was quite impossible for him to accept the position.

Mr. Purvis moved that Mr. E. J. Noronha be elected to the position. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried with applause. Mr. Noronha returned thanks.

On the motion of Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. Noronha, Mr. W. Jackson was reappointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, amidst loud applause.

Mr. Jackson: "Thank you for the hard work you have imposed on me." (Laughter.)

On the election of Committee, Mr. Jackson suggested Messrs. Packham, Robertson and Purvis, three old residents.

Mr. ROBINSON said it would be a pity to put new men against the men who had such an excellent record.

Mr. Purvis thought the old Committee should be re-elected en bloc.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOMBAY STRIKES.

Bombay, February 14th.

Workers on the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, numbering 5,500, have struck and are demanding increased pay.

All postal and telegraph workers, who struck in September and have not yet returned, have now surrendered unconditionally to the Post Office authorities' demands.

CRICKET.

Mumbai, February 15th.

In the fourth test match England in their first innings scored 294 (Douglas 50). Australia replied with 267 for five wickets. (Bardley 55; Collins 50; Gregory 67, not out; Armstrong 64, not out.)

Australia made 289 runs. Armstrong contributing 123 unfinished, and Gregory 77.

England, in the second innings, scored 133 for the loss of one wicket, Rhodes making 66 unfinished.

Purvis, Rev. G. E. Lindsay, Messrs. B. Wynn, C. A. da Rosa, E. J. Noronha, F. P. Soares, A. Johnstone, B. L. Frost, A. Jackson, F. P. Shroff, W. L. Weaver, A. Hicks, L. A. Barton, W. J. Stokes, J. Parsons, Dr. Balcan, Dr. Allen, G. Currie and T. Petrie.

Mr. Barnes proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for their very exhaustive report and the excellent work put in last year. The last they could do was to put on record their appreciation of the work they had done. (Applause.)

Seconded by Mr. Robertson and carried. The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. da Rosa for the use of his office for committee meetings, sometimes at personal inconvenience to Mr. da Rosa. He also expressed thanks to the Colonial Secretary and Director of Education for the use of the school-room for the meeting. At the same time he trusted that the disability of not having a proper meeting hall in Kowloon would not arise much longer.

There was no response to the Chairman's invitation for suggestions and criticisms for the guidance of the new committee, and, expressing gratification at the satisfaction thus indicated, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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COMPANY REPORT.

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The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-second ordinary general meeting to be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Hongkong, on Tuesday, February 22, 1921, at 11 o'clock a.m., is as follows:—

The Board of Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a Statement of Accounts, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The Gross Profit for the year is \$1,399,207.70
The amount brought forward from the previous year. 112,998.97

After allowing for the Interim Dividend paid in September last \$ 200,000.00
Directors' and Auditors' fees 6,000.00
Writing off 10% for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Launches, Lighters, &c. 83,226.58

The Balance to be dealt with is \$1,222,980.09

which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of 50 cents per share \$ 200,000.00
" pay a Bonus of 50 cents per share 200,000.00
" place to Reserve Fund 100,000.00
" place to Reserve for Dust Plant 150,000.00
" place to Reserve for New Plant at Hok On Works 300,000.00
" write off Buildings and Machinery at Macao Works, an additional 100,000.00
" To Bonus to Staff 30,000.00
" write off Property at Canton 10,000.00
" write off Property at Shaukiwan 5,155.41
and carry forward to the credit of next year's account 127,824.68

\$1,222,980.09

DIRECTORS.

Since the last Annual Meeting the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone and Mr. J. W. C. Bornear resigned and Mr. L. N. Lee, Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. R. G. Shewan were invited to join the Board, which require confirmation. In accordance with section 12 (14) of the Articles of Association Very Rev. Father Robert and Mr. A. O. Lang retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe who are eligible for re-appointment.
A. O. LANG, Directors.
L. N. LEE, Directors.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 11, 1921.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

Directors' Fees 5,000.00
Auditors' Fees 1,000.00
Depreciation for the year 1920 83,226.58
Balance, Profit for the year 1,399,981.12

\$ 1,399,207.70

Interest and Exchange 24,899.74
Scrip Fees 185.50
Rents received from Shaukiwan property 1,012.65
Less repairs, Crown rent, rates, & taxes &c. 957.53

53.12

Balance from Working Account:—
Sales of Cement 1,356,693.29
Sales of Bricks, Pipes &c 17,103.05

1,374,066.34

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1920.

Capital:—
400,000 shares @ \$7.50 each fully paid up \$3,000,000.00
Return of Capital unclaimed 10,920.00
Reserve Fund as per last account \$ 225,000.00
Since added 50,000.00

275,000.00

Sundry Creditors 240,518.61
Profit and Loss Account:—
Brought forward from 1919 \$ 112,998.97
Profit for the year 1920 1,399,981.12

\$1,422,980.09

Less Interim Dividend @ 50 cents per share 200,000.00
1,222,980.09

\$4,749,418.70

Green Island, Macao.
Buildings and Machinery as per last a/c 242,500.64
Less 10 per cent. Depreciation for 1920 24,250.06

\$ 218,250.58

Cement and Raw Material in stock valued at 119,241.45
Coal and Casks 6,855.57
Stores 36,050.88

162,148.00

Patent Rights for Clay Drying Process as per last account 100.00
Hok On, Hongkong.
Land as per last a/c 517,769.11
Buildings and Machinery as per last a/c 517,769.11
Less 10 per cent. Depreciation for 1920 51,776.91

465,992.20

Cement and Raw Material in stock valued at 417,393.67
Coal, Casks and Gunnies 98,810.09
Stores (General and Machinery) do. 163,952.02

680,155.78

Cement on consignment valued at 112,386.80
Deep Water Bay Works.
Buildings and Machinery as per last a/c 19,992.86
Less 10 per cent. Depreciation for 1920 1,999.29

17,993.57

Bricks, Pipes, &c., in stock valued at \$44,843.63
Coal 8,434.04
Stores 8,285.50

\$16,563.32

Bricks, Pipes, &c., on consignment valued at 764.28
Steam Lighter, Steam Launches and Lighters as per last account \$102,003.20
Less amount written off as authorized at annual meeting of 20th March, 1920 50,000.00

\$52,003.20

Less 10% Depreciation for 1920 5,200.32
46,802.88
Property at Canton as per last a/c 10,000.00
Property at Shaukiwan 5,155.41
Value of premia on unexpired Policies 7,735.03

335,109.27

Sundry Debtors 69,594.22
Investments as per last account (Market value 31st December, 1920 \$77,594.00)
Cash on hand:—
Head Office 187.55
Hok On Works 670.53
Macao Works 992.20
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Current account 301,583.67
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Fixed Deposit 1,000,000.00

1,303,413.95

\$4,749,418.70

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3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. " 10 "

6.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 15 "

8.10 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. " 10 "

8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. " 15 "

9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 30 minutes

11.45 p.m.

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1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. " 15 "

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6.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 15 "

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8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. " 15 "

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11.45 p.m.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

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4 months sight 25 1/2

Credit 4 months sight 27 1/2

Documentary 4 months sight 27 1/2

On Paris 680

On demand 680

Credit 4 months sight 720

On New York 47 1/2

On demand 47 1/2

Credit 60 days sight 48

On Bombay 177 1/2

On demand 177 1/2

On Calcutta 177 1/2

On demand 177 1/2

On Singapore 106 1/2

On demand 106 1/2

On Manila 107 1/2

On demand 107 1/2

On Shanghai 97 1/2

On demand 97 1/2

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On demand 97 1/2

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Auditors' Report.—We report that we have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books, vouchers and securities of the Company, and that in our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company. The various stocks are as certified for quantity by the Works Managers, and for value by the General Managers. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

F. MAITLAND,
A. R. LOWE, F.C.A. } Auditors.

Hongkong, February 11, 1921.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$15,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS \$1,500,000

Sterling \$1,500,000

Silver \$23,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPERTIES \$15,000,000

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Hon. Mr. R. V. D. Parn, Chairman.

A. H. Compton, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

SINN FEIN.

WHY NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TRUCE BROKE DOWN.

DE VALERA'S ASSERTIONS.

LONDON, February 15.

An account of the negotiations between the Government and the Sinn Feiners for a truce in Ireland was given by De Valera at a meeting of Dail Eireann at the end of January and has now been published in Dublin. De Valera declared that the Premier on December 1 commissioned the Archbishop of Perth to come to Ireland as an official intermediary to arrange a truce. The Archbishop interviewed the Acting President, Mr. Griffiths, and other Sinn Fein leaders. The Cabinet agreed to a truce for a month on the terms of no arrests, pursuits, raids, burnings, or court martial. Sinn Fein undertook to try to prevent violence in Ireland but negotiations broke down on December 31 owing to the Premier insisting on the surrender of arms.

THE LIVERPOOL OUTRAGES.

LONDON, February 14.

At the Liverpool Assizes three men were sentenced to ten years' penal servitude in connection with the incendiary fires in Liverpool on November 27. Fowler, who was acquitted on a charge of murder in connection with the Liverpool outrages, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, the maximum in respect of the charge for which he was indicted.

AGGRESSIVE POLES.

EXTENSIVE MOBILISATION REPORTED.

GERMAN FRONTIER MENACED.

LONDON, February 14.

Speculation is aroused by reports that Poland is extensively mobilising. The German Government recently notified the Allies that 212,000 Polish troops were concentrated on the Polish-German frontier. A Kovno telegram gives details of the compulsory mobilisation of six Polish counties. Troops are now concentrating in the Turmont region where the Lithuanians are hourly expecting an attack.

REPARATIONS.

"A GRAVE CRISIS PREPARING."

FRENCH PAPER'S VIEW.

LONDON, February 14.

A serious view of Herr Simons' speech at Stuttgart is taken in some quarters in Paris. For example, the Temps says that it bears out the opinion of those favouring action against Germany. The paper points out that Herr Simons rejects not only the agreement of January 29 but also the Treaty of Versailles itself. The journal concludes that a grave crisis is preparing "caveant consules."

TRANSIT PROBLEMS.

DUTCH DELEGATION TO LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

THE HAGUE, February 14.

Dr. Lely, ex-Minister of Waterways, and now a member of the Second Chamber, has been appointed head of the Netherlands Delegation to the League of Nations conference on communications and transit at Barcelona on March 10. Other members will be Dr. Vaneynsinga, of Leyden University, and M. Kroeller of the Foreign Ministry.

THAT NAVAL HOLIDAY.

ANOTHER AMERICAN MOTION DEFEATED.

WASHINGTON, February 14.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Brooks moved that no portion of the \$90,000,000 appropriated for naval construction in 1921 be expended until the President had called an international disarmament conference. After a heated discussion the motion was rejected by 124 votes to 30.

SWEDISH CABINET RESIGNS.

STOCKHOLM, February 14.

The Cabinet has resigned in consequence of the Finance Minister's withdrawal in connection with the Bill prohibiting the importation of coffee pending the coming into operation of a new duty.

EGYPTIAN SCHOOLS AND POLITICS.

CAIRO, February 14.

Some of the secondary schools which were closed owing to the political unrest have reopened, numerous parents and students giving the guarantee required by the Government that the schools would not be used for political purposes.

AMERICAN CONGRESS.

HARDING WANTS TO START WITH CLEAN SHEET.

WASHINGTON, February 14.

President-elect Harding telegraphed the Congressional leaders requesting the passage of regular appropriation bills during the present session in order to leave the extra session after March 4 free to handle other important matters.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.	
Straits	Taiwan Maru
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	
Manila and U.S.A.	Ecuador
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.	
EUROPE via Suez (Newspapers only London 13th Jan. parcels 8th Jan.)	Titan
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.	
Japan	Yamagata Maru
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.	
Straits	Sado Maru
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.	
Straits and Calcutta	Yeboshi Maru
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.	
Straits and Calcutta	Muroran Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.		
Samahai and Wuohow	Kwongyong	4 p.m.
Japan	Inaho Maru	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Peiho	5 p.m.
Satsumo	Dainichi Maru	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquesas, South Africa, India via	Toshima Maru	9 a.m.
Dumankhodi, Bombay and ADEN	Sobu Maru	9 a.m.
"Swatow," Amoy, and Takao	Linan	9 a.m.
"Swatow," Straits and Bangkok	Tientsin	10 a.m.
"Swatow," Shanghai and North China via		
Hollu, Australia, and New Zealand via		
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.		
9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Kanowna	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Halong	Noon.
Straits, Bangkok, and Calcutta	Lake Gitan	4 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN		
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.		
Shanghai and North China	Kwatin	11 a.m.
Saigon	Derwent	1 p.m.
Philippines, Islands, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand, via THURSDAY ISLAND. Registration 1.45 p.m.		
Letters 2.30 p.m.	Changsha	3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hydrangea	5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN	Wingsang	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.		
Tientsin	Kwongyong	11 a.m.
Philippines Islands	Loongang	2 p.m.
Tientsin	Cheongshing	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20.		
"Swatow," Amoy and Keelung	Kaio Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Sado Maru	9 a.m.
"Swatow," Amoy and Poochow	Haiching	11 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.		
Shanghai and North China	Saiyang	2 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.		
Swatow, Amoy and Bangkok	Chuan	9 a.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquesas, South Africa, India via	Yokohama Maru	11 a.m.
Dumankhodi, Egypt & EUROPE via	Hinag	
MARSHALLS. Registration 8.45 a.m.		
Letters 9.30 a.m.		
Sandakan		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

GERMAN MURDERERS.

A PROFESSIONAL GANG.

BALL OF PAPER CLUE.

Berlin.—A crumpled ball of paper was an essential clue which has led to the arrest here of a gang of four professional murderers. On Sept. 21 the owner of a small factory was ridiculed with bullets in his lonely house a mile or two from Calles Station, in Pomerania, by four men who had obtained access to him on the pretext of buying oats. The object of the crime was the robbery of a safe, which, however, contained only 1,000 marks. Only one definite clue was found at the scene of the tragedy, a small paper bag, such as is used for cigarettes. It bore the name of a Berlin tobaccoist. This business was found to have been closed ten years ago, but the last proprietor had been taken a public-house in another part of the town, removing thither the remnants of his old stock. In the course of time he had also given up the public-house, and the man actually in possession of it was a dealer named Wollitz, who had already done ten years' penal servitude for killing a woman with an axe.

At this point another clue, which in itself would probably have been of little value, came into play. The murderers left the scene of their crime in a trap, which they hired at a local inn. It was apparently their intention to kill the driver in order to get rid of him as a possible witness, but for some reason their hearts softened, and after keeping him till four o'clock in the morning they got out of the conveyance and sent him back. Possibly he owed his life to an attack of toothache of which he complained to his passengers. One of them was, at any rate, sympathetic, and, opening his own mouth, pointed to a wide gap in his teeth, which he said had been made by a dentist. This man had a very hoarse voice, and both in this point and in regard to the defective teeth his description corresponded exactly with Wollitz, who, as soon as the resemblance had been established, was arrested. His accomplices are also under lock and key. The gang seem to have made a special journey from Berlin with the definite object of committing the murder.

AIR MAIL ENDED.

PIONEER SERVICE.

CIVIL FLYING'S HARD STRUGGLE.

The pioneer air service between London and Paris—that of the Airerath Transport and Travel, Ltd., or Airco—ceased recently.

Since August 25, 1919, its machines have travelled altogether about 500,000 miles and conveyed nearly 5,000 passengers and thousands of bags of mails.

Although the company made a profit during the summer months, the winter has brought a big falling off in traffic, and the company could continue only at a loss.

The only British air service now is that of the Handley Page Company, which uses its own aerodrome at Cricklewood.

Lord Weir's committee reported that with £250,000 for the financial years 1920-1 and 1921-2 civil flying might be aided over its difficult period, but although Mr. Churchill has announced that "next year" he hopes to do something for civil flying, the position at present is that the Air Ministry has not touched the £500,000 it asked for to devote to the purpose. The Paris-London services are subsidised by the French Government.

ADMIRALTY SUIT.

RANGOON CASE.

WARRANT AGAINST STEAMER.

Messrs. Gile and Ormiston filed a suit in the Chief Court, Rangoon, on January 17 on behalf of Messrs. Bird and Company for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 25,410 from the owners of the steamer "Heiwa Maru," for necessities supplied to the steamer.

According to the plaint on October 22, 1920, at Rangoon it was agreed between the plaintiffs, who were carrying on business in co-partnership at Calcutta and Bombay by their agents, F. W. Heiglers and Company on the one hand, and M. A. Kader, charterer of the steamer "Heiwa Maru," that plaintiffs should act as Bombay as the agents of the defendant in respect of the steamer laden with timber shortly thereafter due to arrive at Bombay. On or about November 6, 1920, the steamer arrived at Bombay and between November 8 and 14 the plaintiffs made certain disbursements for necessities in respect of the steamer, viz., bunker coal to the value of Rs. 15,575, advance to the captain Rs. 5,092, customs and stevedoring charges, etc., to the total value of Rs. 25,410. The plaintiffs demanded that sum but without avail. Interest at 6 per cent. per annum on the decretal sum from date of suit to date of decree was asked for in addition to the sum claimed.

Mr. Justice Young, after hearing certain evidence in chambers ordered a warrant to issue against the steamer.

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PLANT PATHOLOGY.

CURIOUS EXPERIMENTS.

MUSTARD SEEDS PUT TO SLEEP.

Extremely interesting research work in agriculture is described in the tenth report of the Development Commission, issued last month. Rothamstead, for example, besides producing new fertilisers, has a department studying plant pathology. Dr. Innes spends his days finding out how to trap insects, Dr. Davidson directs the offensive against the great army of green blight in England whilst Dr. Goodey is devoting all his attention to the best method of killing seaworms.

Analytic research in plant physiology has recently yielded some astonishing facts. Thus Dr. Kidd has been putting white mustard seeds to sleep, by subjecting them to air containing a high percentage of carbon dioxide, and in this condition they failed to germinate.

BREATHING OF A PEA.

The effect upon the breathing of a pea was also tried under similar circumstances, and it was shown that the gas markedly depressed the respiration.

Wonderful things have also been done with cucumbers. Professor Blackman and Mr. Gregory have found that cucumbers can be grown from their earliest infancy in continuous electric light without any period of darkness, and a daily resting period is thus not necessary for the plant.

Another problem which has been going forward in its development is what is called "electroculture"—the effect of a high tension of electrical discharge on the growth of crops. Thin wires are stretched above the crop and charged to a potential of about 50,000 volts, so that a small current passes through the air to the crops below.

MARKED INCREASES.

It is found that a cereal crop can be markedly increased by electricity. Differences as high as 50 per cent., 38 per cent., and 35 per cent. in favour of the electrified areas have been observed in a number of cases.

Also it has been found that plants are sensitive to a very small current, and it is easy to give a discharge which reduces, instead of increasing, growth. The total energy supplied per acre is only that required for a 50 candle-power lamp, and the report adds, if the cost of the installation required to produce and distribute the current in actual practice can be kept low, a new method is available for increasing the yield of crops.

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